





## RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

## FOR THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

Trains will leave Sydney as follows:—

TO DAY, Wednesday, 23rd Dec. 1903.

FRIDAY, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26 (Boxing Day), 9.10 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

Connecting Train will leave Milsons Point at 8.30 a.m. each day.

The River Trip will occupy five hours. Return by train to Sydney at 1.30 p.m.

Return Fare (including trip on steamer) 10s. 6d.

First-Class, 10s. 6d.; Second-Class, 8s. 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

FOR PARKESVILLE (GEORGE'S RIVER).

via COMO.

Sharp Tickets at 2nd and 3rd class and 1st class (including river trip), will be issued at Sydney on

TO DAY, Wednesday, by train leaving Sydney at 1.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 26 (Boxing Day), by train leaving Sydney at 1.30 p.m.

Return fare for Parkesville at 10.10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. only.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1903.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations at all times until SUNDAY, January 3, 1904, available for return until SUNDAY, January 3, 1904.

INTERSTATE TICKETS will be issued, Friday, January 2, to the principal Government, Victorian, and South Australian stations, available for return for three months. The journey may be broken one or more times during the period.

The tickets issued between New South Wales and Victorian stations will not be available after the Melbourne Express.

CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

In addition to the usual Cheap Excursion Tickets issued on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, a special train will be run from Sydney to Newcastle on Sunday, December 28, at 1.30 p.m.

Return fare for Newcastle at 10.10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. only.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS.

At 1d per mile first-class return (minimum 5s), and 1d per mile second-class return (minimum 3s), will be issued by the undermentioned train to and from all stations at which the trains are run on SUNDAY.

These tickets will be available for return within one calendar month from date of issue, but will not be available by the Melbourne Express, nor will they be available by the Mail Train leaving Sydney on SUNDAY NIGHTS.

Cheap Excursion Passengers returning to the Mudge, Newcastle, and Crows Nest (only) will be allowed to travel by the train leaving Sydney at 7.30 p.m. (Mudge), and 8.45 p.m. (Crows Nest and Crows Nest line) on SUNDAY, December 28.

SOUTHERN LINE.

TO DAY (WEDNESDAY), 23rd Dec. 1903, Sydney to Newcastle, 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sydney to Newcastle, 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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HALF-WAY LINE.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1

## ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

SOIL INOCULATION.

In writing of Professor Nobbe's work yesterday, we referred to the calculation showing that only one-hundredth part of the food of plants was derived from the earth. The aim of scientists such as Professor Nobbe is to harness the forces of nature to their will, to control them so that the hundredth may be made to command their aid and assistance under all circumstances. Professor Nobbe and other scientists are now beginning to publish their findings in a measureable period of time the food supply of the world must fall short of the needs of the population. Up to the present, the search for the hundredth has been sufficiently successful to keep the supply of food striding side by side with the multiplication of the millions of mouths which must be filled. But the time is surely coming when the last tract of virgin territory will be conquered, and the increase in the world's population must cease. The failure of earth, air, and water to provide sufficient food must be hastened by the withdrawal of the constituents necessary to its production. It is said that should production suddenly stop, the world would be in a state of famine in a few days. The food supply in sight at any period would last the people only a quarter of a year, and then would come universal starvation. To the Australian farmer who is selling for the 25th of the grain for which he toils and sweats, the day of scarcity seems too far ahead to be regarded as a tangible probability. Nevertheless, that day is surely coming, and many great minds are beginning to approach the problem presented by its approach. Some philosophers are disposed to believe that the declining birthrate in all advanced countries represents nature's long-sighted means of providing that the mouths shall not exceed the supplies. The theory rests on the practice of certain aboriginal tribes who controlled the increase in order that the food supply should be sufficient to feed all who were dependent upon it. Pre-emptive thought, however, is even in the direction of creating and increasing the people and the production of food. The dream of the soil scientist is to collect and supply plant food so liberally that the available area would be sufficient to feed the population for all time. It is here that the practice of soil inoculation comes in. It was long ago proved that certain plants collected nitrogen from the air, and nitrogen is the greatest factor of all in the soil. The leguminous family of plants, such as the clover, the alfalfa, and the soybean, have the ability to collect the bacteria, which absorb the constituent, being found in the nodules at the roots. Professor Nobbe found, however, that the bacteria were present only where nitrogen was in the soil. He then began to search for the idea of supplying the bacteria. He crushed the nodules containing the bacteria, and obtained pure culture of the bacteria. He then introduced it into one part of the bacteria culture, keeping other parts as controls or standards. Pure artificial culture was added to each, and beans planted in it. The results were highly satisfactory, the plants in the inoculated soil doing better, while those in the uninoculated soil did poorly. Larger experiments in actual soil showed that when the bacteria were placed in worn-out land they worked vigorously, but in rich soils they were almost inert. The results showed that they work only when it is necessary. Professor Nobbe called his culture "Nitragin," and there are separate cultures for each of the most important plants. These are now being put into practical use in the river and in the soil. The bacteria are sold in small glass bottles. Seeds are treated with a solution and then sown. As soon as the bacteria get into the soil, they begin to work, and the plants collect nitrogen from the atmosphere and to form nodules on the plants. The United States Department of Agriculture is conducting a series of tests on this matter, and nitrogen is coming within the realm of practical agriculture.

BODALLA HERD AVERAGES.

'Among the estates on which dairying on the farm labour system has been successful, Bodalla stands out prominently. The property is on the South coast, 225 miles from Sydney, and 15 miles from the port of Moruya. It embraces 25,000 acres, the greater part of which is laid down in grass, while a portion is devoted to growing crops. The rich fat land being worked to great advantage. These are the principal products, and there are two well-equipped factories on the estate. The permanent working population is 150 numbers some 150, mainly engaged in milking and attending to the herds, of which there are 100. Mr. Douglas Hutchison, the general manager, has directed the property to be a dairy farm, and each of the herds is worked by a family, the head of the family receiving a salary in wages and the use of a comfortable house and furniture. The herds, which maintain a high standard of health, are kept in the best of the family in comfort. The management carries on its own store, bakery, hotel, saddlery and blacksmith's shops, while there is a post and telegraph office and public house. The property is a well-kept and a large hall for meetings and public performances. At present the pastures are in the best of health, and the herds are in the best of health. Large quantities of bacon are cured on the estate, and the dairying industry is usually carried on in conjunction with pig raising and fattening. Mr. Hutchison has very useful records of the regular yields from the herds, and his annual table supplies highly interesting information. We could wish that more men engaged in dairying would cause reliable records to be kept and published from time to time. The system provides an excellent guide for culling the herds, and supplies much information concerning the capacity of various breeds in different districts. The Bodalla records for the past year are given in the following table:

RECORD AVERAGES, APRIL 1, 1932, TO MARCH 31, 1933.

NAME OF THE HERD.

NUMBER OF COWS.

NUMBER OF CALVES.

NUMBER OF PIGS.

NUMBER OF SHEEP.

NUMBER OF GOATS.

NUMBER OF HORSES.

NUMBER OF BIRDS.

NUMBER OF FISH.

NUMBER OF INSECTS.

NUMBER OF PLANTS.

NUMBER OF TREES.

NUMBER OF ROCKS.

NUMBER OF STONES.

NUMBER OF CLAY.

NUMBER OF SAND.

NUMBER OF GRAVEL.

NUMBER OF LIME.

NUMBER OF POTASH.

NUMBER OF SODA.

NUMBER OF SALT.

NUMBER OF SULPHUR.

NUMBER OF PHOSPHORUS.

NUMBER OF IRON.

NUMBER OF COPPER.

NUMBER OF ZINC.

NUMBER OF LEAD.

NUMBER OF SILVER.

NUMBER OF GOLD.

NUMBER OF PLATINUM.

NUMBER OF RUBY.

NUMBER OF DIAMOND.

NUMBER OF EMERALD.

NUMBER OF SAPPHIRE.

NUMBER OF JADE.

NUMBER OF AGATE.

NUMBER OF ONYX.

NUMBER OF MALACHITE.

NUMBER OF JASPER.

NUMBER OF CARNEOLIAN.

NUMBER OF OBSIDIAN.

NUMBER OF FLINT.

NUMBER OF QUARTZ.

NUMBER OF GEMSTONE.

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[For Shipping, Meteorological, and Mail Notices see page 6.]

BIRTHS.

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MARRIAGES.

ORR—December 11, 1908, at All Saints' Cathedral, Sydney, the Rev. Rev. Dean, Mr. Orr, of the Sydney University, and Miss Orr, of the Sydney University, were united in marriage.

DEATHS.

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## THE WAR CLOUD.

## IN THE FAR EAST.

## JAPAN REPLIES TO RUSSIA.

## PEREMPTORY DEMANDS.

## OBSERVANCE OF TREATIES.

## WHEN JAPAN WILL STRIKE.

## WHAT INSURANCE RATES INDICATE.

## LONDON, Dec. 22.

## M. Komura, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, has handed to Baron von Rosen, the Russian Minister at Tokyo, the reply of Japan to Russia's answer to Japan's irrefutable minimum. The Japanese request a reconsideration of certain essential points of their demands.

## It is reported in London that the Japanese demand the prompt recognition of their provisions in regard to Korea and Manchuria.

## THE TIME OF STRIKING.

## LONDON, Dec. 21.

## "St. James's Gazette" says that Japan is about to strike before the Russian squadron at Biseria, in the Mediterranean, reaches Port Arthur.

## It is thought in some quarters that Japan is only awaiting the freeing of Vladivostok Harbour in January before striking.

## RATE OF INSURANCE.

## HEAVY PRICES DEMANDED.

## LONDON, Dec. 22.

## The rate of war risk for a thousand per cent. policy at Lloyd's is 40 guineas per cent.

## The "Times" says that yesterday there was some demand for speculative insurance against risk of the declaration of war within a month. Forty guineas per cent. was paid in the morning, the underwriters to pay a total loss if war broke out within a month. Thirty guineas per cent. was accepted in the afternoon.

## STOCK EXCHANGE INDICATIONS.

## SHARP FALL AT TOKIO.

## LONDON, Dec. 22.

## Owing to rumours of the resumption of military transport at Hiroshima a sharp fall occurred yesterday at Tokyo in Japanese stocks.

## The foreign market on the London Stock Exchange is depressed. Japanese and Russian bonds were yesterday from one-half to one and a half lower.

## DEFICIENCIES OF PORT ARTHUR.

## LIMITED RANGE OF WARSHIPS.

## LONDON, Dec. 22.

## The Russians in Port Arthur, owing to the absence of dockyard warships, are in the vicinity of the Port soon have full bottoms, greatly impeding their speed. In the event of war they will be unable to venture far from their base.

## BRITISH ADMIRALTY PREPARED.

## CRUISER SQUADRON UNDER ORDERS.

## CO-OPERATION OF EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SQUADRONS.

## LONDON, Dec. 22.

## The British Admiralty is prepared for every contingency. The cruiser squadron (Rear-Admiral Sir Wm. H. Fawkes) has presumably gone to the West Indies, but it will be found in the right place if required.

## No British warship is en route to the Far East, but it is understood that Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge (the Commander-in-Chief of the China station, Rear-Admiral G. L. Atkinson-Willes (the Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Squadron, and possibly Rear-Admiral A. D. Fawkes (the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian station) are in possession of secret orders.

## The Shanghai correspondent of the "Daily Mail" reports that the second-class cruiser Sirius (Captain C. H. Moore), which was ordered to the British port in the Gulf of Persia.

## The cruiser squadron consists of the Drake (first class), Good Hope (first class), Kent (first class), Medina (first class), and Rainbow (second class).

## RUSSIA'S COAL ORDERS.

## LONDON, Dec. 22.

## The normal consumption by Russia of Welsh steam coal and patent fuel is 700,000 tons per annum. Ninety thousand additional tons have been ordered for the past year, and will be all shipped by the end of December.

## JAPANESE OFFICERS FOR KOREA.

## LONDON, Dec. 22.

## Sixty Japanese military engineers have been ordered to Korea to replace civil engineers who have been sent to Japan.

## It is officially declared by Japan that the movement has no military significance.

## BACK FROM JAPAN.

## INTERVIEW WITH ALDERMAN J. D. FITZGERALD.

## ALDERMAN J. D. FITZGERALD, of the City Council, returned to Sydney yesterday by the S.S. Komura Maru. Alderman Fitzgerald, who appears to be in robust health, was interviewed by a "Herald" reporter, and gave the following answers to questions regarding affairs in the East.

## "I saw the Himeji military manoeuvres shortly after my arrival at Kobe," said Alderman Fitzgerald. "The number of troops and the drilling were excellent. They were much better than we saw here on the Japanese war boats. It appears as if the latter men are not for the military, while those of shorter stature are drafted into the navy."

## "Is the war spirit very manifest?"

## "Yes, in the ranks," replied Mr. Fitzgerald. "The men are ready and waiting, and as far as I am concerned, I am ready to go. The war spirit is very manifest, and as far as I am concerned, I am ready to go. The war spirit is very manifest, and as far as I am concerned, I am ready to go."

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## SOUTH AFRICA.

## CHINESE LABOUR FOR THE RAND.

## PROTEST FROM THE CAPE.

## LONDON, Dec. 21.

## At a mass meeting, held at Capetown, a resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority in opposition to the proposal to introduce Chinese labour into the Transvaal for the purpose of working in the mines.

## Mr. W. P. Schreiner, formerly Premier, suggested that an appeal should be made to the Imperial Government not to sanction any legislation prior to the granting of self-government to the Transvaal.

## How, he asked, could the Transvaal import Asiatics when a Government of the Transvaal would be established in favour of uniform legislation regarding undesirable aliens.

## LAUNCH OF A BATTLESHIP.

## KNITTING THE EMPIRE TOGETHER.

## TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICES OF THE COLONIES.

## LONDON, Dec. 21.

## The Duchess of Connaught launched the battleship Hindustan, which is a sister ship to H.M.S. Commonwealth, at Glasgow yesterday.

## In speaking at the ceremony that attended the launching, the Earl of Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that the ship was named in honour of the late Lord Selborne, who had been a member of the Government when the ship was launched.

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## SOUTH AFRICA.

## CHINESE LABOUR FOR THE RAND.

## PROTEST FROM THE CAPE.

## LONDON, Dec. 21.

## At a mass meeting, held at Capetown, a resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority in opposition to the proposal to introduce Chinese labour into the Transvaal for the purpose of working in the mines.

## Mr. W. P. Schreiner, formerly Premier, suggested that an appeal should be made to the Imperial Government not to sanction any legislation prior to the granting of self-government to the Transvaal.

## How, he asked, could the Transvaal import Asiatics when a Government of the Transvaal would be established in favour of uniform legislation regarding undesirable aliens.

## LAUNCH OF A BATTLESHIP.

## KNITTING THE EMPIRE TOGETHER.

## TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICES OF THE COLONIES.

## LONDON, Dec. 21.

## The Duchess of Connaught launched the battleship Hindustan, which is a sister ship to H.M.S. Commonwealth, at Glasgow yesterday.

## In speaking at the ceremony that attended the launching, the Earl of Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that the ship was named in honour of the late Lord Selborne, who had been a member of the Government when the ship was launched.

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**CONCLUSION OF RIFLE MEETING.**  
**FURTHER SUCCESSSES BY DAUGHTER BOYS.**  
The annual prize rifle meeting of the Public School was brought to a successful conclusion at the school on Saturday afternoon. The boys of the school, who were the only ones to take part in the contest, were the only ones to take part in the contest, and the only ones to take part in the contest.

**THE PRIZE WINNERS.**  
SECOND PRIZE WINNERS.  
First prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28.

**FIRST-CLASS SHOTS. MATCH II.**  
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**CHAMPION AGGREGATES.**  
The champion aggregate was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28.

**TEACHERS' MATCH.**  
The teachers' match was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28.

**CONSOLATION MATCH.**  
The consolation match was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28. The next prize was won by Cadet E. Wilmott, of Armadale, who shot 28 out of the possible 28.

**DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT WEE WAA.**  
At about 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the Royal Hotel, which is occupied by James Dempsey. It was first discovered by the firemen, who were called out at once. The fire was extinguished by the firemen, who were called out at once. The fire was extinguished by the firemen, who were called out at once.

**LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.**  
The following is a list of prize-winners and medalists in the June and July examinations, 1903:

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The Humanitarian is a book by the Rev. J. H. Williams, of the Baptist Church, London. It is a book of 100 pages, and is published by the Baptist Church, London. It is a book of 100 pages, and is published by the Baptist Church, London.

**THE DEPLORABLE CALAMITY.**  
The deplorable calamity which has befallen the people of New South Wales is a tragedy of the first magnitude. It is a tragedy of the first magnitude, and it is a tragedy of the first magnitude.

**TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.**  
Sir, I am writing to you to express my sympathy for the people of New South Wales, who are suffering from the deplorable calamity which has befallen them. I am writing to you to express my sympathy for the people of New South Wales, who are suffering from the deplorable calamity which has befallen them.

**FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.**  
A pair of our Tan Vic Kid Boots for men would afford you a comfort in your country ramblings. They are made of the best leather, and are of a good size, long, and keep good and firm to the sole. To have of them is a good thing.

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